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The Heights

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"No room at the cottage"

"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn" Luke 2:6&7

One of the first things I read in the paper is the comics. Perhaps I like something light hearted to have with my coffee or an easy start to facing the day, but I enjoy those comics. Recently, the week before thanksgiving, one comic called "Bizzaro" showed two turkeys talking to each other while in the background a farmer carried off two other turkeys by the neck. The balloon showed one turkey saying to the other "this time it's a thanksgiving, the next slaughter is in the name peace and joy".

Christmas 2006 is upon us, and I greet you with peace and joy this Christmas season. The Scripture above talks about when Mary & Joseph arrived at the Inn in Bethlehem and there was "no room" for them at the Inn. I've often wondered if Jesus himself were to arrive at our campmeeting, would He find "no room" at any of the cottages for Him. But then I remember that we are presently forbidden by court order from sleeping at our cottages. Of course that is temporary, and prayerfully about to change.

Actually, Jesus spirit has been at campmeeting frequently this past year and sleeping was not on His agenda. More important than whether Jesus would find "room at the cottage" is whether He finds room in our hearts and in our lives. Certainly, during 2006 He has found hearts and lives at campmeeting where He is welcome everyday.

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A call for assistance from Christian Pastors

We're looking for an ordained or local pastor, or youth leadership pastor to fill a vacant seat on our Board of Managers. If you are such a person, or know of one from your church or Christian youth group, please help us by contacting our President, Reverend Jimmy Ray Montgomery, at (610) 494-6140.

We meet once an month during the evening in Aston. Our Board consists of 12 members, and is comprised of some clergy, and some dedicated laypersons. You do not need to be a cottager, and there are no fees or dues.

We do ask that you support our Summer Concert Series and our three-evening weekend revival,

If you're available, we pray that the Lord is talking to you, and you're listening.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Court orders notwithstanding, there is "room" at CHCM and Jesus and the Holy Spirit dwell there. I have heard speakers visiting CHCM state that they could 'sense' the spirit of God in the people, the trees, the tabernacles and the cottages. No court in the world can keep Jesus out of where He desires to go nor out of the hearts of "those who seek Him, who are called by His name".

Yes, there is room at CHCM.

Of course "no room at the inn" was not the end of Jesus life was it? The rest of the story can be told in a wonderfully written piece by Fred Bock called "One Solitary Life".

Born in an obscure village, He was the child of a peasant woman. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty years old, and then for three years He traveled around the country, stopping long enough to talk and to listen to people, and help where He could. He never wrote a book, He never had a hit record, He never went to college, He never ran for public office, He never had a family, or owned a house. He never did any of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. But when He was only thirty-three years old, the tide of public opinion turned against Him, and His friends all rejected Him. When he was arrested very few wanted anything to do with Him. After the trial, He was executed by the State along with admitted thieves. Only because a generous friend offered his own cemetery plot was there any place to bury Him. This all happened nineteen centuries ago, and yet today, He is the leading figure of the human race, and the ultimate example of love. Now it is no exaggeration to say that all the armies that have ever marched, all the navies that have ever set sail, all the rulers that have ever ruled, all the kings that have ever reigned on this earth, all put together have not affected the life of man on hearth like this "One Solitary Life".

And that dear friends still is not the end of the story because He is coming back again. This time when He returns, the highest court in the universe will overrule all other courts and say make room for the King of Glory. There will be room for Him...even at the cottage.

Have a blessed Christmas and a blessed new year. Peace and Joy to you.

Reverend Jimmy Ray Montgomery



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An Open Letter To Our Cottagers

At the end of each year, we ask you to reflect on your cottage and your personal involvement with Camp Meeting, by grading yourself on our Cottager's Scorecard:

1. What was the condition of your cottage in 1998? How does it compare now? Rate each item as "Poor," "Fair," or "Good"

Item	1998	2007
Roof		
Foundation		
Electric		
Plumbing		
Paint		
Other repairs		
Overall condition		

2. How many days have you spent this year, working on your cottage or the grounds around it? ___ 1 ___ 5 ___ 10 or more.

3. Is your Camp Meeting Assessment paid, or will it be paid by the due date for the most current year? ___ Yes ___ No

4. How many Association Workdays did you participate in during this past year? : ___

5. How many of our weekly services did you support by your attendance? ___ (10 or more is perfect)

As we each review our stewardship with the Lord through our involvement in the Chester Heights Camp Meeting Association, we ask each of you to renew your commitment and your faith, through your thoughts, words and deeds, now and in the coming year.

Chester Heights is all about revival, and that revival takes place not only at Camp Meeting, but all year long, in our hearts and through our belief in Jesus Christ as our Savior. Perhaps this is the year to renew your faith, as well as reviving your faith in our Campgrounds, and the time to inspire others by taking on a project to restore or improve your Cottage.

Thank you!

We sincerely thank the many cottagers who have spent time and money to maintain and improve their cottages.

We also want to acknowledge and thank our Work Preservation Crew and volunteers in 2006: Jim Newby, our Grounds Chairperson and his wife, Maryann, Bill (Hutch) Hutchinson, and his terrific grandsons, John Aldin, Gary Koerner Nathan Keller, John Harris, Neel Davis, Deac and Shirley Allen, Dave Dobson, Vivian Lovingood, Debbie DiPrinzio and the Eastern PA Conference Youth Group and others. Special thanks to Deke Allen, who rented special equipment at his own expense and spent an entire Saturday cutting back high brush, weeds and growth that was beyond the capability of our lawn equipment.

The Work Preservation Crew also maintains the equipment and the grounds, and works most Saturdays. Cottagers and the public are welcome to join us any Saturday.

We also want to acknowledge Dan and Loretta Yashin, for their many hours preparing the Youth Temple for services, arranging for the refreshments, and maintaining our marquee at our front gate for each concert and event. We also thank the Keller Family for their preparation for our concerts, refreshments, and their regular security inspections on our grounds.

“Good Night and Good Morning”

Lyrics by Lizzie DeArmond, circa 1922

When comes to the weary a blessed release,
When upward we pass to His kingdom of peace,
When free from the woes that on earth we must bear,
We'll say “good night” here, but “good morning” up there.

When fadeth the day and dark shadows draw nigh,
With Christ close at hand, it is not death to die;
He'll wipe every tear, roll away every care;
We'll say “good night” here, but “good morning” up there.

When home lights we see shining brightly above,
Where we shall be soon, through His wonderful love,
We'll praise Him Who called us His Heaven to share,
We'll say “good night” here, but “good morning” up there.

Refrain

*Good morning up there where Christ is the Light,
Good morning up there where cometh no night;
When we step from this earth to God's Heaven so fair,
We'll say “good night” here but “good morning” up there.*



Chester Heights Camp Meeting - 2006 Memorials

Gold

Deac & Rachael Allen
Reverend William H. Anderman
Alvy & Melba Hice
Edward T. Luttrell
Reverend Charles Montgomery
Cecile Eileen Montgomery

Deac & Shirley Allen
The Anderman Family
Deac & Shirley Allen
Pearl Luttrell, Roxie & Gary Koerner
Reverend Jimmy Ray & Linda Montgomery
Reverend Jimmy Ray & Linda Montgomery
Deac & Shirley Allen
Pearl Luttrell, Roxie & Gary Koerner
The Richardson Family

Silver

Norma Burckhardt
Dorothy Cole
Rev. Claude L. Heilenmann
Mrs. Gladys Heilenman
Cecile Eileen Montgomery

Jack W. Burkhardt
Jack W. Burkhardt
Linda Lee & Karl Karpa
Linda Lee and Karl Karpa
Carol A. Cochran and Mrs. Dorothy Prange
Tom & Pat Smith
Anonymous/unknown Donor
Jack W. Burkhardt
Arthur Turek
Dan Yashin
Loretta Yashin

Rev. Craig Shultz
Arlene Turek
Dan Yashin's Mother
Loretta Yashin's Father

Bronze

Eileen Montgomery
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Macatee
Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCullough

Robert & Phyllis Hazard
Pat and Eileen McCullough
Pat and Eileen McCullough

2006 Honorariums

Gold

Chester Heights Work Crew & Supporters
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Tom and Pat Smith
Peggy Chance



Pearl Elizabeth Luttrell

August 27 1904 – November 10, 2006

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the Faith” Timothy ;Chapter 4, Verse 7

Besides God, Pearl believed in three things: staying active, constantly eating candy and being slim. When asked the secret of her long life, she would often respond “don’t fool around,” then a smile would light up her face. Her proudest accomplishment was most certainly her only child, and she was committed to living the rest of her life together with Edward, Roxie and Gary as a family, while enjoying her life to its fullest. And she certainly did!

If one had to describe Pearl’s personality using mere descriptive words, it would be faithful, loyal, loving, proud, fearful (but also fearless,) tough, strong-willed, determined to “stay-the-course,” forcibly opinionated, depression-era frugal, intelligent without formal schooling, earthy, fun-loving, a tom-girl, a wonderful animal-lover and a survivor, whose quiet faith in God always sustained her.

She was born on August 27, 1904 in her family’s farmhouse in Concord, Maryland, the daughter of Albert Fonzie Hignutt and Roxie Elizabeth Wright-Hignutt. Concord was a farming community then, near Denton, smack in the middle of the sprawling DelMarVa Peninsula. Her mother was a homemaker, and her father was a timber production manager. Pearl’s older brothers were Elmer Bennett Hignutt and Clayton Fonzie Hignutt. Her year-older brother was Herman Edwin Hignutt. Three other siblings, Edna and Mattie Hignutt were born in 1901 and 1902, but each died within a year. Another brother, Raymond Dallis Hignutt, was born in 1909, but succumbed to pneumonia eight years later, as young Pearl watched him die in her mother’s arms. The same year, Pearl’s mother died.

Pearl’s Childhood - The one-room Concord Methodist Church was a short carriage ride away. Pearl’s mother and her children attended regularly. A circuit-rider pastor who serviced three or more churches preached there.

Schooling was in a one-room schoolhouse, a few miles away from the farmhouse. Pearl and her brothers walked to and from school, regardless of the weather, and they’d always cut across family farms to save time. One rainy day, a boy stomped in a puddle and splashed mud all over her only dress. Instead of crying, as the boy expected, she hit him over the head with her lunch pail. Animals on the farm were kept mostly for milk, eggs, and meat, and bartered with other neighbors. A few horses were kept for plowing the fields, for riding, to pull the work wagon to nearby towns for supplies, and for the one-horse carriage, used to travel to church on Sunday. As a child, Pearl never weighed enough to steer the horse plow, so she did barn chores, such as

feeding the animals, milking the cows, collecting eggs, tending to the garden vegetables, and helping her mother with cooking and sewing. At age 12, after the death of her mother, she was unable to attend school full time, because she now had the responsibility of more family chores at home. There was no refrigeration at that time, so meats, fish were often dried or smoked. An underground pit was dug, deep beneath the frost line, and was covered with a roof, close to the ground, with a door. This cold-room was stocked with large, heavy slabs of cut ice, which Pearl and Herman drug from the farm’s frozen pond to keep food from spoiling. Pearl later worked at the cannery in adjacent Hickman, Delaware, peeling tomatoes for five cents a bushel. At age 15, she was hired by a nearby shirt factory to sew buttons on shirts. At age 17, she left to stay with her mother’s brother, Arlington Frazier (Archie) Wright and his wife Nora, in Chester.

Pearl worked as a skein winder at the Holland Mill in Chester and later at the American Viscose Company in Marcus Hook, which was America’s largest producer of Rayon, at the time.

In 1924, she married her one and only husband, Edward T. Luttrell, and she continued to work for another 22 years, until the birth of her daughter. She became a full-time mother and homemaker until 1957, when her daughter, Idaroxie, started junior high school. Pearl then worked 17 years with the Chester-Upland School District. Sixty-six years after her marriage to Edward, he passed on to Glory in 1990.

Initially, Pearl and her husband rented a room with a Murphy bed, then moved to an apartment, then rented a house on Esrey Street. They purchased their first and only home near the Crozer Hospital in 1939. They took in several boarders over the years, such as a young man named Allan Johnson who delivered ice to them for their ice box, before there were refrigerators. Pearl and Ed developed a fondness where he became like a son to them. He would eventually buy a house five doors away from them, where he raised his family, and stayed a lifelong “son” to them.

In 1945, Pearl was diagnosed with a possible tumor, and had several X-rays. She awoke one night and her deceased mother appeared at the side of her bed, telling her “Don’t worry Pearl, it’s a miracle from God,” then the vision faded and Pearl went back to sleep. The next day the doctors told her they discovered she was four months pregnant with Idaroxie, her only child. Four doctors previously told her that she would never become pregnant, because of a fall she sustained from a barn rafter as a young girl. All of them visited her at home, after she gave birth, because they were convinced it was impossibility, and couldn’t believe she had actually given birth to a very healthy baby girl.

Pearl was raised as a Methodist, and Edward as a Baptist. They regularly attended church, and both had a strong Christian faith, so they acquired a cottage at Chester Heights Camp Meeting in 1957. Both of them were familiar with the concept of a 10-day camp meeting revival and retreat. As a child, Pearl attended camp meeting services next to the Concord Methodist Church in Maryland, and Edward’s family went to Kirkland Grove Camp Meeting, in Northumberland County, Virginia, when he was a boy. They felt that Chester Heights Camp Meeting would be a good Christian setting for their family, and especially for their daughter, who played the piano and organ at camp meeting and other services there, for many years. The wooded tree grove at Chester Heights was much cooler, during the hot summer months, before air conditioning was widely used, and the outhouses were like being “down home,” which reminded them of their childhood. Services, gatherings and bible studies lasted all day for the 10 days, and families often took their vacations from work to attend the 10-day revival and retreat. Pearl and her family have been cottagers at Chester Heights continuously since 1957.

Eileen Cecile Montgomery

"Eileen the Parsonage Queen"
Dec. 5, 1916- Feb 2, 2006



Actually, her official name at birth was Cecile Eileen Brooks, but she was never fond of the name Cecile which is why most everyone referred to her as Eileen. She is the last surviving sibling of seven children in the Brooks family, all with very interesting names; Frances, Jean, Golda, Verna, Lucille, and a brother James. Born in Southern Illinois, she remained there until moving from one southern area eastward to Chester County with her beloved "Charlie".

In a talk given at a church in Florida in 1980, she spoke on 'Twice Loved-Once Wed', a reference to Christ's love for her and her love for Christ, and the strong bond of love between Charlie and her. She recalled memories of her childhood days, highlights of which are repeated here.

"My Mom died when I was about five years old and left seven kids under twelve years old. She was 32 years old. My Dad was a happy-go-lucky, carefree guy who didn't want the responsibility of seven kids. So, we were put in homes of different people.

I happened to be the little scrawny, sickly one nobody wanted. This was all in God's plan. As I look back over it I realize now that it was all in God's hands and in His planning as to where to put me. It was debated a long time as to who would take me and where would I go and who would want to care for a sickly skinny little girl. So finally, my Grandma and Grandpa said, 'We'll take her', and I thought, 'Oh my goodness, those old people?, you know they're every bit of 60 years old'. My grandfather had a white beard that came down to here [pointing to her stomach] and every time he would kiss me, it would tickle. But the memories of living with them are so precious. As I look back on it, I wouldn't trade it for all the money in the world.

These memories of Grandma and Grandpa are great. He was an old time Camelite Christian preacher. Now, if you're not acquainted with that, he believed that you had to be either dipped or be damned. If you weren't ducked all the way under the water, then you were heading for 'there' for sure. I stayed with them for about three years. Every night our devotions would be at least an hour, and Grandpa would just pray and pray and pray and pray. I've never heard anyone pray as long as he did.

I went to the first, second, and third grade when I lived with them. It was in the first grade that I met my second love...the school was having a movie downtown and my teacher went into the third grade and said "There's a little girl in the first grade and she's crying because no one will hold her hand (we had to have our hands held to go to the movie), is there anyone here who will hold this little girl's hand and take her to the school movie?". Immediately Charlie's hand went up in the air and he held my hand and took me to the movie. Ever since then we've been sweethearts. But the Lord separated us when I was in the fourth grade. My grandmother died and once again I was without a home. They didn't know what to do with me or who to put me with. I had an aunt (she really wasn't an aunt, but I called her aunt) who said 'We'll take her and keep her for a while'. Aunt Cena took me in and tried her best to get me involved in the spiritualist church. You see, here again God had grounded my feet with Grandma and Grandpa, for what was to come ...with my aunt.

Eileen was very proud of her three children, twelve grand children, and twenty five great grand children. All of the family was held up in prayer and loving support by "Mom" and "Nana" for many years. She is remembered and loved as a fine example of the love of Christ.

In the talk "Twice Loved, Once Wed", Eileen added these thoughts, which typifies her entire life. She said "How in the word could anyone not believe in God and not believe in the love of God?. I'm just so grateful that His love didn't overlook me, that He reached down and took me out of the miry clay and set my feet on the solid rock {Jesus} so that I could serve Him as a 'parsonage queen'.

She would take me to séances, and to trumpet meetings, she even brought back my mother, supposedly, to talk to me at a séance and my mother had been dead six years. She involved me in her crystal ball readings that she would give and just every way in the world she tried to involve me in spiritualism. I would sneak off every once in a while with some young people and go to the little Methodist Church down the street because I needed something to keep me going.

I went to high school in this little town and the month after Charlie graduated from high school, we were married. Of course everyone in the church said it will never last.. it has lasted, but only by the grace of God and only because we took Him as our savior and He ruled our life."

Their marriage lasted nearly 61 years until Charlie went to be with the Lord. Together, they served UMC churches in towns like Ulin, Energy, and Mounds City in Southern Illinois. Then the Lord led them east to Landenberg & Hamorton, West Grove, St. Philips in Phila, Linwood Heights in Delaware County, Pen Argyle, Fox Chase in Philadelphia, and Cornwell Heights in Bensalem. Then it was on to Florida for retirement but the Lord had different plans as they served at Pine Castle UMC in Orlando.



CAMP MEETING SUMMIT

Fall, 2006 at Camp Sychar in Ohio

President Jimmy Ray Montgomery and Vice President Gary Koerner attended a leadership gathering of camp meeting representatives for discussion and mutual support. The summit was held at Camp Sychar in Mount Vernon, Ohio on Friday and Saturday, October 20–21, 2006. Attending were about thirty representatives from camp meetings and organizations, including Ambassadors for Christ (WV) Beulah (FL) Camp Sychar (OH) Chester Heights (PA) Delanco (NJ) Eaton Rapids (MS) Erma (NJ) Hollow Rock (OH) Indian Springs (GA) Landisville (PA) Mount Lebanon (PA) Rawlinsville (PA) Serfert (NJ) Stoutsville (OH), World Gospel Mission and a well-published camp meeting historian. It was impressive to see the many, many years of experienced and dedicated Christians all in one room, ready and willing to share information for the good of all the camp meetings.

We arrived Friday afternoon at the Dayton airport, then drove an hour and thirty minutes in a car we shared with two leaders from Landisville Camp Meeting in Lancaster County; Fred Marz, their president and Reed Stroud, also a former Chester Heights Director and Cottager, who relocated to Lancaster County.

It was near dusk when we arrived at the camp, and we joined another group for an impromptu tour of Camp Sychar. Over 650 campers have accommodations in several hotel-like dormitories, and small, individual cabins. A large dining hall provides meals for those in the dorms. The small, identical white cabins with black roofs, have no water and must use community bathroom facilities. There are community kitchen facilities available to them as well. There is a very large tabernacle, and the youth have their own buildings for recreation and entertainment. There was no heat in the dormitories, and the temperatures were in the 40's and dropping fast when we arrived, so we provisioned some sleeping bags from the local Wal-Mart, in anticipation of some very cold evenings.

Friday evening dinner was hosted by the World Gospel Mission and began with introductions and concept and goals of the summit with Gary Campbell, Camp Sychar President. Attendees provided descriptions of their respective camp meetings, including charters, governance, organization, programs, and ministry. At 9:00p, we had a very moving bible study with John Oswald, Eaton Rapids President, followed by prayer in groups, then we gathered in small discussion groups before bed.

Saturday breakfast started at 8:00 AM, but most arrived early because the dining hall was heated! Gary Koerner did a presentation on Communications and Public Relations; including newsletters, newspaper paid advertising, news releases, mail and email, bulletins, brochures, website content and technology. Next on the agenda was Real Estate Issues: Updating, restoring and modernizing; property usage patterns; pitfalls to avoid. President Jimmy Montgomery and Gary then made a presentation on Legal Issues: building permits and inspections; taxation; and camps at risk due to Eminent Domain. At lunch we shared rosters of evangelists and singers. Next, Reverend Jim Schroeder, our 2006 Revival Evangelist made a presentation on Financial Issues: revenue streams; sponsorship programs; grant writing; voluntarism; wills and bequests. Next was Insurance Issues: insurers; adequacy of coverage; costs; risk management and self-insurance. Last of the work sessions was Ministry Issues: clarity of mission; age-specific ministries; traditional and contemporary balances; and use of technology. A wrap up program entitled "Focus = Keeping the main thing the main thing!" by presented by Dr. Kenneth Brown, Camp Meetings Historian. At the end of the day, everyone discussed their summary of findings and discussion of future summits. A decision was made to hold a summit in 2007 at Camp Erma in Cape May, New Jersey. This was good news for us, as we each personally paid for our airfare and car rental, and the next morning, we had to leave at 4:00 AM to drive to the airport for our return flight.

The summit required a lot of work, including preparation, travel, presentations, discussions and more. There was no doubt it was worth our time, effort and expense, to contribute and receive valuable information, and to interact with like-minded leadership from other camps. A high value of return can be realized when camp meetings work together to identify issues, share resources, help solve each other's problems and create a common voice, by which we can be collectively recognized and heard as a group.

[Thank you Jesus, for](#)
[Our salvation](#)
[Always being there](#)
[Making your presence felt](#)
[Your help and comfort](#)
[Listening to our prayers](#)

Where will our hearts be in the future?

Our camp meeting will faithfully continue our heritage, to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, through our gospel concerts, our annual revival and proclaiming our testimony of faith, by our thoughts, words and deeds to all. We will preserve Chester Heights Camp Meeting as our primary vehicle to do this. We'll conduct our 135th Annual Revival and listen to learned Christian evangelists and leaders instruct us, using the holy words of Jesus and His disciples. We will again reaffirm our faith and encourage others to accept their salvation through Him, and we will do so by our example, not just mere words.

We will reach out for continued fellowship with our fellow cottagers, our friends and others. We will host gatherings of picnics, banquets and our membership's Christmas dinner celebration. We will regard each other as family, and extend ourselves to them in His name. We will encourage others to learn about us, by spreading the word of our work for Him in churches, in the newspapers, on radio, television and our website, and invite everyone to join us at our Gospel concerts, our plays and the revival of our faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We will work together to help preserve and protect His camp meeting and its history for future years, and with an eye toward new generations of cottagers to sustain the work that others began and we have continued. We will do the physical things which we are able, and pray to Him for his divine guidance, direction and inspiration in our choices of direction. We will solicit and join with other individuals, groups and professionals to help us achieve our goals. We will continue to financially support our camp meeting and seek new ways to continue, and to grow, not just to survive.

We will assertively seek resolution to our issues and learn ways where our camp meeting will thrive as a direct result. We will strive to pursue amicable relationships to achieve mutual goals whenever possible, and choose the best path for our camp meeting, regardless of our personal benefits and concerns.

We will inspire others by our sacred and secular efforts, and continually ask His blessing that we align ourselves with the right people, to help us resolve our issues and lead our camp meeting to renewed growth. We will memorialize our past leaders, cottagers, family and friends, and ring our tabernacle bell with profound pride, realizing that those in our past are a continued inspiration to us all.

Each of us will look within ourselves, and envision how our God-given talents and learned life-skills can benefit camp meeting, enrich our mission, help lighten the load for others, or allow us to do even more than we do now. We will look upon our tasks as a labor of love for His work, not as a burden of toil, realizing that others are always watching us, and are inspired by our good works. We will look upon things we can do in His name for the camp meeting, rather than what the camp meeting can do for us. We will take pride in our untiring efforts to serve our Lord, rather than in anticipation of praise from others.

“To God be the Glory.”

2006 Annual Banquet at Mount Hope Church Featuring The Rockdale Boys Gospel Bluegrass Band

The event on October 7th featured an excellent concert by The Rockdale Boys Gospel Bluegrass Band, with lively vocals accompanied by guitar, banjo, mandolin and bass. This well-received group of Christian musicians draws some of the very largest crowds at our Summer Concert series, and we are very grateful to them for their talent, which draws Christians together. They are also believers of our work, and bless us with returning their love offering, each time they play for us. Thank you very much, Rockdale Boys!

Our Annual banquet also featured a silent auction with lots of items, a banquet buffet dinner, well-deserved recognition for some of our members and a drawing of our seasonal quilt raffle, which was won this year by Judy and Ginny Allen of Media.

Special thanks to Edie for her professional catering of the event, to Mount Hope Church, which has also been a wonderful supporter of our camp meeting for many years, and to Pat, Shirley, Loretta and many others.

Three young men were recognized for their valuable contributions to several of our workdays this summer. They are **Neel Davis, Nathan Keller** and **John Montgomery**. Thanks to each of you!

